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GENEVA FOR US LOS DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: LOS: INDIAN POSITION

REF: GENEVA 1598

1. AFTER DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER SUBJECT, THE CHARGE ON MARCH 7 RAISED WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA THE ISSUE OF THE INDIAN POSITION ON EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP SEABED. SAYING HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS, THE CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN READING REPORTS OF GENEVA DISCUSSIONS AND HAD NOTED THAT JAGOTA HAD TAKEN QUITE A FIRM POSITION, WHICH IN EFFECT PROPOSED THE PHASING OUT OF THE RIGHT OF STATES TO EXPLOIT DEEP SEABED RESOURCES. THE CHARGE SAID THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM JAGOTA EARLIER THAT THE GOI HAD BEEN PREPARED TO SUPPORT A PARALLED SYSTEM BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN STRONG US-INDIAN DISAGREEMENT REGARDING JAGOTA'S INSISTENCE THAT STATES COULD NOT EXPLOIT ADDITIONAL AREAS UNLESS THE ENTERPRISE ACTUALLY USED ITS CONCESSION.

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2. MEHTA CONFIRMED THIS JAGOTA POSITION AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOI HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER IT SHOULD HOLD TO ITS INSISTENCE THAT THE ENTERPRISE MUST EXPLOIT ITS CONCESSION BEFORE ANOTHER COULD BE OFFERED TO STATES. HE SAID THAT ON JAGOTA'S RETURN FROM GENEVA THEY WOULD HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF LOS ISSUES INCLUDING THIS ONE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT US THAT WE SHOULD
BE WARY OF APPARENT INDICATIONS OF INDIAN FLEXIBILITY,
MEHTA'S COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT THERE REMAINS SOME FLEXIBILITY
IN THE INDIAN POSITION REGARDING A PARELLEL SYSTEM OF
EXPLOITATION.
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